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**A METHOD OF PROCESSING A
PHOTOGRAPHIC ELEMENT
CONTAINING ELECTRON TRANSFER
AGENT RELEASING COUPLERS**

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AMENDMENT

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This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated February 19, 2003. In the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 45, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

- - Another processor and processing method with which the current invention is particularly useful is the merged process described in U.S. Application Serial No. 10/012,673 of Twist, "Processing Photographic Material" filed on October 30, 2001, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. This processing method for silver halide photographic material comprises loading the material into a chamber, introducing a metered amount of a first processing solution into the chamber, and processing the photographic material with the first processing solution. It then comprises introducing a metered amount of a second processing solution into the chamber without removing the first processing solution so that at least part of the whole volume of the second processing solution is provided by the first processing solution and processing the photographic material with the second processing solution. The merged method further